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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Kansans are urged to join the fight against breast cancer. This month, Kansas women are encouraged to schedule breast cancer screenings including clinical breast exams and mammograms.

Women today who are diagnosed with breast cancer at early, localized stages have a survival rate of 98 percent. This is a nearly 20 percent increase from a survival rate of 80 percent during the 1950s.

Nearly 2,000 women in Kansas will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Kansas during 2005 and approximately 380 women will die from the disease, according to the American Cancer Society.

Annual breast screening, including a clinical breast exam and mammogram, for women over the age of 40 can help detect cancer at an early stage when it is non-invasive and has not spread to other parts of the body.

One out of eight women will develop breast cancer sometime during their lives. Although screening is recommended beginning at age 40, more than 80 percent of breast cancer occurs in women age 50 and older. Women have a 98 percent survival rate when diagnosed in a localized stage, as compared to an 80 percent survival rate if the cancer is invasive and spread through the bloodstream or lymphatic system.

The causes of breast cancer are not known although certain risk factors have been identified. Age is a primary factor, along with a family history breast cancer, early menstruation, and a first pregnancy after age 30. Never having children, forgoing breastfeeding, and taking post-menopausal hormone replacement therapy (HRT) may also increase the risk of breast cancer.

Lifestyle also can play a role and the National Cancer Institute has issued several recommendations that may reduce the risk of breast cancer. These include staying active,

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Routine screening and prompt treatment can reduce deaths from breast and cervical cancer.

**early
detection works**

Ask here to see if you qualify for a free screening

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www.preventionworkskansas.com

maintaining a healthy body weight, limiting alcohol intake, not smoking, and increasing the dietetic fiber intake through consumption of whole grains, vegetables, and fruits. Decreasing daily fat intake, especially saturated and hydrogenated fats, helps prevent health problems such as heart disease and stroke, and may also reduce the chance of developing cancers of the breast and colon.

The KDHE Early Detection Works (EDW) Program, administered by the Office of Health Promotion, provides screening services to uninsured and underinsured women in Kansas.

Women between the ages of 40 and 64 who meet family income requirements are eligible to receive clinical breast exams and mammograms free of charge. An estimated 30,000 women in Kansas in this age group are without health insurance, or have health insurance with high deductibles. If breast cancer is diagnosed in uninsured women through the EDW program, they are eligible for treatment under the state's Medicaid plan.

For more information on the EDW program call toll-free 1-877-277-1368 or visit <http://www.preventionworkskansas.com>.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE GRANTS



Secretary Roderick Bremby recently announced that 12 safety-net clinics and health centers have been awarded \$390,000 as authorized by the 2005 Legislature to provide assistance to Kansans in obtaining prescription

medication. In a second round of applications due August 15, the remaining \$750,000 will be granted to additional clinics.

These awards demonstrate KDHE's commitment to collaboration with other state, federal and private industry programs, and especially with community-based initiatives to meet health care needs at the local community level. The grants will allow existing community-based public or not-for-profit primary care clinics to hire staff to work with public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 150 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. With dedicated staff, patients will have help with the application procedures and eligibility requirements to obtain supplies of free, or low-cost pharmaceuticals through manufacturers' indigent drug programs.

The KDHE Prescription Drug Assistance Program joins ranks of public and private initiatives to make prescription drugs more affordable to working families and seniors. The **HealthyKansas Initiative**, established by Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger, emphasizes the need to assist Kansans in accessing free-or-reduced-cost medications. As a key feature of the Governor's Initiative, a web-based resource guide for Kansas residents to obtain

local assistance and information from clinics and other community partners is located at:

<http://www.healthykansas.org/>

In addition, these grants would assist federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) also known as Community Health Centers (CHCs) and FQHC Look-Alikes with purchase or expansion of pharmaceutical inventory under the federal Section 340B Drug Pricing Program. This federal project limits the cost of drugs purchased by these health centers and other federal programs such as the Veterans Administration. The new grants will allow implementation of 340B programs in eight of the 10 FQHCs in Kansas. The grants also authorize a subsidy for a portion of the cost of prescription drugs purchased through the 340B program for patients receiving sliding fee discounts. The estimated average subsidy is \$4.00 per prescription.

More information on the state's primary care safety net may be found at the KDHE website <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/pc.htm> or on the website of the Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved, the association representing primary care clinics and community health centers whose primary mission is provision of health care to all persons regardless of ability to pay the full cost of care: <http://www.kspca.org/>

LUNCHEON GET-TOGETHER



Friends and staff at KDHE threw a congratulatory luncheon for Mary Glassburner in recognition of her recent promotion to Director of Bureau of Consumer Health.

NEW EPIDEMIOLOGIST AT KDHE

The Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention welcomes the arrival of a new officer, Angela Huang, from the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS.) Established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1951, EIS is a two-year intensive training program for physicians, veterinarians, nurses, and other health professionals interested in applied epidemiology.

Initially, the program focused on acute infectious diseases. As CDC has evolved over the last few decades, EIS officers now have expanded interests, which include chronic diseases and conditions such as cancer, cardiovascular diseases, and obesity.

Dr. Huang is an internal medicine physician from Taiwan. She is not unfamiliar with the Midwest, having spent years in North Dakota and Minnesota for her education. In addition, she has clinical experience from working in Grenada, Taiwan, and Malawi. Even though her main interest is in outbreak investigations, she will also be involved in surveillance and health promotion projects as part of her training.

We are excited to have Dr. Huang joining our team of epidemiologists in the coming two years.

KPHLI GRADUATION



The Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute (KPHLI) is pleased to announce the upcoming graduation of its second class of scholars. These 28 public health leaders from around the state have taken part in a year-long, competency-based training program, the culmination of which is the completion of an applied public health capstone project. Scholars will present their capstones and will graduate from the KPHLI in a ceremony prior to the Kansas Public Health Association's conference in September.

Following the KPHA conference, the KPHLI will welcome its Cycle III scholars in a brief orientation session. Public health workers interested in applying to Cycle III will find an application brochure online at:

http://www.waldcenter.org/kphli/KPHLI_CycleIII_brochure.pdf. Contact KPHLI Coordinator Theresa St. Romain tstromain@kumc.edu for more information.



HUTCHINSON SINKHOLE

*by Mike Cochran,
KDHE Bureau of Water
Geology Section Chief*



On the evening of January 3 a telephone call came from the City of Hutchinson announcing a sinkhole had developed at the old Carey salt solution mining facility near the BNSF mainline railroad tracks. The next few days were spent with the City of Hutchinson Fire Department, the owners of the sinkhole, their consultants, and the railroad working to evaluate the potential impact to the railroad tracks.

What caused this sinkhole? Brine wells have been constructed and operated in the Hutchinson area since the late 1880s. Prior to enactment of the KDHE brine well (salt solution mining) regulations in 1979, these wells were constructed and operated in a manner that resulted in the wells being susceptible to subsidence and resulting sinkhole formation at the ground surface. Modern methods of brine well construction and operation under the KDHE regulations are directed to prevent subsidence and resulting sinkhole formation.

Brine wells, constructed prior to the regulations, were commonly completed by driving surface casing into or above the shale bedrock and then setting 5½ or 6 inches metal production casing about midway through the shale to a depth of approximately 160 feet. The well was then drilled to a depth of a few feet below the salt formation and left uncased through the shale below the production casing and through the salt. A tubing string, usually 2 or 2½ inches in diameter, was hung into the open hole to the depth of the well. Water was commonly injected down the tubing string and the brine forced back up the annulus between the tubing and the open borehole and production casing to the surface. The well could also be operated in reverse with the water injected down the annulus and the brine returned to the surface through the tubing. Wells were sometimes operated by the "airlift" method which involved

injecting air into a 1 inch tubing string hung in the annulus, which lightened the brine lifting it to the surface.

These methods of construction and operation often caused maximum dissolution to occur in the shallower salt beds resulting in removal of the salt from the roof of the cavern. The construction method also exposed the shale layers in the open borehole to the injection pressures, water and brine, which further weakened the shale, layers above the salt deposit. These conditions can result in the shale layers overlying a salt cavern to subside or fall into the cavern, resulting in the formation of a sinkhole at the surface.

Since the initial subsidence, several remedial activities have been undertaken to protect the adjacent railroad lines. Initially, holes were drilled on the north side of the sinkhole perimeter between the railroad tracks and these were filled with concrete grout for stabilization of the soils in this area. In addition, over 9,000 tons of ballast were delivered by railcar and were placed on the north side of the sinkhole for additional protection. Unfortunately, most of this ballast disappeared and the sides continued to expand during the spring, eventually bringing the sinkhole perimeter within 22 feet of the railroad tracks. Additional investigation, through the drilling of slant borings into the sinkhole and the use of sonar equipment, revealed an opening of approximately 8 x 12 feet in diameter, lead into a cavern 90 x 70 feet below the known bottom of the sinkhole. It was determined that this opening or "throat" needed to be plugged as it was suspected the railroad ballast had fallen through this opening. Sealing the throat would prevent additional sloughing of material into the lower cavern and allow the sides of the sinkhole to be stabilized with rubble, as attempted with the railroad ballast.

To seal off the throat, consultants proposed a plan to fill the lower cavern below the sinkhole with brine contaminated soils, obtained from historical spills and brine releases around the site thereby addressing a soil contamination problem and the need for fill material. A conveyor system was installed on barges with a 60 inch tremie pipe secured down the caverns throat for transfer of the soil to the lower cavern. During the filling operation it was determined that the north side of the sinkhole needed immediate stabilization and a plan for placing a sheet pile box around the throat was devised to allow simultaneous filling of the sinkhole's lower cavern as well as the sides of the sinkhole. This was accomplished with the help of underwater divers securing the sheet pile box around the throat and when completed, allowed

9,376 tons of material to be placed around the throat and on the north side of the sinkhole. To date, 36,070 cubic yards of contaminated soil have been placed down the throat of the sinkhole to fill the cavern.

Future activities include additional filling of the sinkhole's cavern as necessary and then finally plugging the throat with a concrete cap to seal the lower cavern off, thereby preventing any additional material from sloughing down into the lower cavern. The sides of the existing sinkhole will then be stabilized and sloped to prevent additional settling.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROJECTS

by Pete Kitch



From time to time I have talked about our involvement in national public health projects as a mechanism for guiding the development and enhancement of our community level public health software offerings. We have just recently been selected to participate in three such projects that will have significant impact on our future product development activities.

First, KIPHS has been selected to facilitate and provide technical input to a Public Health Informatics Institute project designed to define the business processes needed within public health departments to support the performance of the Institute of Medicine's Ten Essential Services. The Ten Essential Services are broad statements that need to be defined in detail. Our project workgroup will be selected in cooperation with NACCHO and will include leading community level public health experts from across the country.



Second, through a referral from the American Institute for Research in Maryland, we were selected to participate in an "Organizational Strategy and Process Redesign" project with Health Level Seven, headquartered in Ann Arbor, MI. They are one of several ANSI-accredited Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs) operating in the healthcare arena. Their particular domain is standards development for clinical and administrative data exchange. HL7 refers to the highest level of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) communications model and contains the specific data messaging content. Level seven addresses definition of the data to be exchanged, the timing of the interchange, and the

communication of certain errors to the application. It includes such functions as security checks, participant identification, and data exchange structuring. HL7 is a PHIN standard for the exchange of data, and will become even more important in our work as we undertake the development of community level interfaces with general medical practices.



Finally, as the technical content consultant to NHII Advisors we are becoming immersed in the development of architectural models for regional health information organizations (RHIO) which will eventually create the mechanism for the delivery of a patient's complete medical record at the point of an encounter. Our model puts control of the medical record access and content in the hands of the patient

Each of these projects will add significantly to our knowledge base from which we can continue to develop "best practice" information system support for community level public health practice. By the same token we represent and argue for a community level public health perspective in all our national work.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2nd, Hutchinson, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 28

Nov. 30

North Central Region: The next meeting will be held at the First National Bank, Basement meeting room, 1205 18th Street from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. RSVP Marcia Hansen at Republic County Health Department in Belleville for lunch at 785-527-5671. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Oct. 25

Dec. 6

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 8

Dec. 8

March 9, 2006

June 8, 2006

Sept. 14, 2006

Dec. 14, 2006

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. RSVP Georgette at Logan County Health Department for lunch count at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Oct. 13

Dec. 8

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Nov. 10

Feb. 2, 2006

May 11, 2006

Aug. 3, 2006

Nov. 9, 2006

Southwest Region: Meetings are held at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9th, Garden City, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Sept. 16

Nov. 18

NEW BRIEFS

KS-TRAIN "Tips"



LIVE trainings posted on KS-TRAIN include:

- 2005 All-Hazards Behavioral Health Symposium: Preparedness, Response & Recovery in Kansas – Oct. 6 & 7
- Healthy Indoor Environments Conference 2005 – Oct. 13 & 14
- KDHE: Medical Management of the Contaminated Patient - Fall 2005 (for those who did not take this course fall 2004/spring 2005)
- Kansas Environmental Health Association Conference 2005 - Sept. 20-22
- KPHA Joint Fall Conference, "Taking it to the Streets" – Sept. 20-22
- Local Public Health & Environment Workforce Survey, virtual classroom training for public health administrators - multiple sessions available in Sept.
- WMD Emergency Response to Agricultural Terrorism - multiple sessions Sept./Oct.

Looking for Tools to Navigate KS-TRAIN?

Log onto TRAIN @ <http://ks.train.org>
Check out the KS-TRAIN Users Guide under "Announcements" on the home page.

Kansas Chautauqua Informatics Project Update



The Chautauqua Project continues to travel across Kansas providing customized computer training to local public health workers in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. To date, over 150 health department employees have participated in at least one training session. June training sessions were held for Wabaunsee, Pottawatomie, Kiowa, Hodgeman and Labette health department employees. Future training sessions are being planned for Crawford, McPherson, Shawnee and Morris counties.

NEW TRAININGS OFFERED

The Kansas Chautauqua Informatics Project is expanding its training to include Microsoft PowerPoint. This four-hour training session will give participants the opportunity to:

- Create an Immunization presentation either from scratch or using available templates
- Work with different slide layouts
- Learn to add and manipulate text on a slide
- Work with graphics and drawing tools
- Print elements of the presentation
- Use hyperlinks and action buttons
- Integrate animations and transitions
- And work with several other useful tools!

Chautauqua Project members hope to encounter the same enthusiasm for this session as they have met in the previous three subjects.

The PowerPoint session will be held in a light, fun environment and will allow participants to be creative with their presentations. All information, files and resources will be provided.

The PowerPoint created in this session can be utilized for informational presentations within your communities.

To take advantage of the Chautauqua training opportunities, please contact Julie Oler-Manske at 316-293-2626 or by email at: jolerman@kumc.edu.



Voluntary Accreditation System



The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) have announced formal efforts to explore

development of a voluntary accreditation system for state and local public health agencies. As part of the project, a steering committee will be established to write definitive recommendations for structuring the system. The committee also will evaluate the feasibility and desirability of accrediting state and local public health agencies. The steering committee's recommendations will be released in one year. For more information, visit

<http://www.naccho.org/press/releases/PressReleaseAugust1.cfm>.



Other New Briefs

Disabilities, Department of Transportation Emergency Planning Guide and resource list:

<http://www.dotcr.ost.dot.gov/asp/emergencyprep.asp>

Mass Trauma Preparedness and Response

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/masstrauma/index.asp>

Blast Lung Injury: What Clinicians Need to Know (New)

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/masstrauma/blastlunginjury.asp>

Patient Decontamination Recommendations for Hospitals. Emergency Medical Services Authority (California). July, 2005

<http://www.emsa.ca.gov/aboutemsa/emsa233.doc>

or

<http://www.emsa.ca.gov/aboutemsa/emsa233.pdf>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Risk Communications

The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking a full-time Risk Communicator. The Risk Communicator will develop a variety of public health related communications to include:

- Review the content of the Risk Communication section of the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Under the direction of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program

Coordinator, will develop and deliver a variety of communications on the content of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan and on other topics related to public health.

- Ensure that communications prepared are accurate and timely and conform to County, State and Federal guidelines as applicable.
- Perform primary research on various public health related topics for the Coordinator and/or the Disease Containment Division Director.
- Provide advice and guidance to other Public Health personnel and personnel from other Johnson County agencies related to the content, format and delivery of public health communications and communications programs.

The successful candidate will also provide advise and guidance to the development and implementation of training programs on the Risk Communications section of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Planning Program, will provide information to the public regarding public health issues and risk communications initiatives and will perform other duties and special projects as assigned by the Emergency Preparedness and Response Program Coordinator.

For job qualifications and interested applicants go to:

http://hr.jocogov.org/jobs_available/jobex.htm#2

TB Nurse

The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking a full-time TB Nurse. The successful candidate will assure the control of tuberculosis through management of the medication service, will coordinate the Public Health department TB Clinic, will maintain and coordinate the Refugee Program and will contribute to the development of the Disease Control Program.

For job qualifications and interested applicants go to:

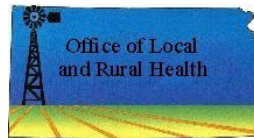
http://hr.jocogov.org/jobs_available/jobex.htm#2

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency Training 2005-06



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its fifth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its third year for cultural competency training. KDHE, OLRH, will



sponsor six medical interpreter and six cultural competency training sessions this coming year. KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:

MEDICAL INTERPRETER TRAINING SCHEDULE 2005-06

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.



SW Kansas - Dodge City

Sept. 26 - 30 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Western Plains Medical Complex

Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City

SE Kansas – Pittsburg

Oct. 17 - 21 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Family Resource Center

1700 N Locust, Room 209, Pittsburg

NE Kansas - Lawrence

Nov. 7 & 8, 14 – 16 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lawrence Memorial Hospital

325 Maine (Room "Auditorium" on Nov. 7 & 8, Room "A" on Nov. 14-15, and Room "D" on Nov. 16), Lawrence

Central Kansas - Emporia

Feb. 27- Mar. 3, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Newman Regional Health

Continuing Education Classroom, 2nd Floor

Enter from the Visitors Entrance

1201 West 12th, Emporia

SC Kansas - Wichita

Mar. 13-17, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita

1010 N. Kansas

Meadowlark Room 1305, Wichita

NC Kansas - Manhattan

June 5 - 9, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Riley County Health Department
 2030 Tecumseh Road, Manhattan

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org.

**CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING
 SCHEDULE 2005-06**

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

NE Kansas - Topeka

Feb. 8 & 9, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Kansas Department of Health & Environment
 Curtis State Office Building
 1000 SW Jackson, Conference Room 530, 5th Floor
 Topeka

SW Kansas - Garden City

Apr. 5 & 6, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Area SRS Building
 1710 Palace Drive, Garden City

Central Kansas - Emporia

Apr. 12 & 13, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Newman Regional Health
 Continuing Education Classroom, 2nd Floor
 Enter from the Visitors Entrance
 1201 West 12th, Emporia

SC Kansas - Wichita

May 10 & 11, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
 1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room 2202, Wichita

NE Kansas - Holton

May 24 & 25, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Annie Laurie Johnson Child & Family Development Center - Head Start Building
 130 S Iowa (parking at First Baptist Church), Holton

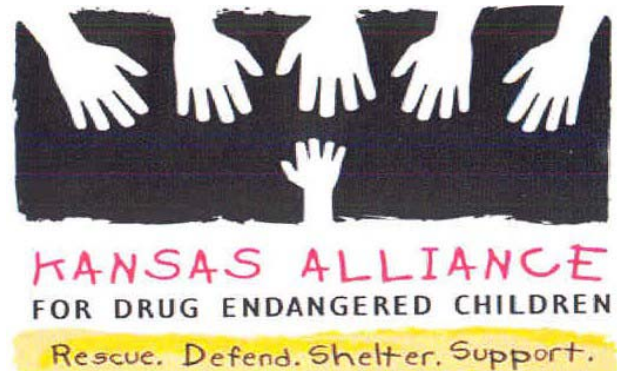
NC Kansas - Salina

June 13 -14, 2006 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Catholic Charities
 425 W. Iron, "Board Room", Salina

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org.

**2nd Annual Healthy Indoor Environment
 Conference**

The 2nd Annual Healthy Indoor Environment Conference is scheduled for Oct. 13 & 14, Jack Reardon Center, Kansas City. Registration and review of conference information can be completed through KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. Click on the title, "Healthy Indoor Environments Conference 2005." For more information contact Kevin Kennedy at 816-235-5366 or hiec2005@yahoo.com.

Prevention and Recovery Services

Prevention and Recovery Services is committed to helping make our community a place where people of all ages are safe, connected with others, and supported by a network of concerned citizens who share the responsibility for nurturing, educating and creating an environment for all people to be free from the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Upcoming events:

**2005 Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered
 Children State Conference**

Date: Oct. 13 - 14
 Endangered Children State Conference
 Fee: \$30; \$50.00 for Nursing CEUs
 Certificate of Attendance for up to 13.5 hours
 Place: Holiday Inn Convention Center, 3603 Vine Street, Hays
 Sponsor: Kansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Partner Agencies

Crank It Up! Community Methamphetamine Prevention Training

Date: Nov. 16 - 17

Fee: \$25.00

Certificate of Attendance for 11.5 hours

Place: The Capper Foundation, 3500 SW 10th,
Topeka

Sponsor: PARS

The following are upcoming trainings offered by PARS. For more information, please visit Website <http://www.parstopeka.com>. Questions contact Lisa Narron of PARS at 785-266-8666. Pre-registration is required for all trainings.

KPHA Conference



Partnering to Improve the Public's Health

KPHA • KDHE • KALHD • Universities • Law Enforcement • Schools • Churches
Doctors • Dentists • Social Workers • Nurses • EMS • Businesses

Joint Conference – the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) and Kansas Environmental Health Association (KEHA) will be held on Sept. 20-22 at the Hyatt Regency, 400 W. Waterman St., Wichita. For a registration form and more information click on Web site

http://www.kpha.us/documents/fall_brochure.rtf or you may call 785-233-3103 or director@kpha.us

To assure receiving the conference discount rate, reservations must be made by Sept. 12 by calling the hotel directly at 316-293-1234.

Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group

Thurs., Aug. 4
Thurs., Nov. 3
Thurs., Feb. 2, 2006
Thurs., May 11, 2006
Thurs., Aug. 3, 2006
Thurs., Nov. 2, 2006



Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9 a.m. - noon. For more information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110.

Billing Biddies, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. – noon at the Lincoln County Emergency Services Building, on the corner of Hwy 14 and Lincoln Ave. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

Billers Anonymous will meet Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., in Norton at the Norton County Health Department, 801 N. Norton Ave. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

Mission Impossible Group will meet Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SW Billing Group, from 9 a.m. – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta. For more information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

Billers-R-Us will meet at the district office in Chanute, in the Meadowlark Room, from 9 - noon. For more information call Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390.

Oct. 11

Jan. 10, 2006

Apr. 11, 2006

July 11, 2006

Oct. 10, 2006

**Kansas Tobacco Use
Prevention Program**
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Treating Tobacco Use During Pregnancy and Beyond

Smoking is the most modifiable risk factor for poor birth outcomes. Successful treatment of tobacco dependence can achieve 20 percent reduction in low-birth weight babies, 17 percent decrease in preterm births and an average increase in birth weight of 28 grams. Between 13 and 17 percent of pregnant women smoke in the United States and only 18-25 percent of all women quit smoking once they become pregnant. This workshop will provide health care professionals with information regarding tobacco use during

pregnancy and tools and techniques that can be implemented into a busy practice to promote tobacco cessation.

For a list of free trainings contact KUMC AHEC East, PO Box 296, Pittsburg, or call at 620-235-4040.

Public Health Grand Round



The Kansas Public Health Workforce and Leadership Development (WALD) Center will host the Public Health Grand Rounds satellite downlink "Birth Defects Prevention: Realizing the Full Potential of Folic Acid" on Sept. 30, from 1 - 2 p.m. The program will be held on the campus of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita.

Participants may register for the program at <http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu/> beginning on Aug. 29. CME, CNE, CEU, and CHES credit are available to registrants. The CDC and the University of North Carolina School of Public Health sponsor Public Health Grand Rounds. For more information, contact Theresa St. Romain, MA, at tstromain@kumc.edu.

Regional Immunization Workshops

Oct. 5 - Scott City
Oct. 6 - Hays
Oct. 12 - Parsons
Nov. 2 - Topeka
Nov. 10 - Concordia
Nov. 15 - Wichita
Call KU AHEC East 620-235-4040



GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing at lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce:

<http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training>

KAN Be Healthy RN orientation and training:

<http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training>

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts go to PHTN Web site at

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-625-5663 for assistance.



September Downlinks/Web casts

09/01/05 12 noon - 1:00 pm	The Multi-Jurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force Training Program presents: "Drug Recognition – Knowing The Signs" For more information and registration, contact Ed Kronholm at (TF 877-820-0305) or visit "Drug Recognition – Knowing The Signs" 01 Sep 05 .
09/08/05 12 noon - 2:00 pm	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) presents: Nursing Home Immunizations Visit the CMS Survey and Certification Online Course Delivery System http://cms.internetstreaming.com for registration, viewing instructions, and handouts The Satellite coordinates are available at http://cms.internetstreaming.com .
09/13/05 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Joslin Diabetes Center presents: Metabolic Syndrome And Cardiovascular Risk: Treating The Clinical Spectrum Available via Satellite and Over the Phone! To register your site or for more information, please contact PRIMEDIA Healthcare at 888.466.3250.
09/28/05 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	The National Terrorism Preparedness Institute Presents: "Live Response – WMD Exercises" For more information and registration, contact Ed Kronholm at (TF 877-820-0305) or visit "WMD Exercises- Design & Execution" – 28 Sep .
09/28/05 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Illinois Department of Public Health presents: Making the Grade: Improving Asthma Management in Schools If you have any questions, call Vicky Ritz at 217/785-4475 or email VRITZ@idph.state.il.us .
09/30/05 1:00 - 2:00 pm	"Public Health Grand Rounds" Birth Defects Prevention: Realizing the Full Potential of Folic Acid For more information, visit http://www.publichealthgrandrounds.unc.edu .
10/27/05 12 noon - 1:30 pm	Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Using Public Information to Enhance POD Flow View Save the Date information.

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



AHEC's Web page at
<http://kuahec.kumc.edu>
or trainings at

<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us> under the "Additional
PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128

SW Kansas – Register or call at 620-275-0259

SE Kansas – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CDs:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA:

<http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN
completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN:

http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program:

<http://www.washburn.edu/sonu> or e-mail Dr.
Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

<http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of
distance learning course listings

<http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>

National Library of Medicine:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

CDC BT Training:

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

**The Illinois Public Health Preparedness
Center:** <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

**Heartland Center for Public Health
Preparedness:**

http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:

<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

**Other Public Health Workforce Development
Centers:**

<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness
Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**

<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf>

**Competencies Feedback Project by the
Council on Linkages Between Academia and
Public Health Practice:**

<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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